IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Everett X. Wang et al.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Serial No. 09/814,425) Art Unit: 2874
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Filed: March 21, 2001)
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For: FABRICATION OF OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES)
FOR REDUCTION OF MINIMUM WAVEGUIDE)
SPACING)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Presented below is the amended claim in a clean-unmarked format.

21. (Amended) The device of claim 16 wherein the core regions are filled with the core material using a deposition or re-flow technique.

REMARKS

The amendment to the claim 21 is being submitted herewith to cure a claim numbering error discovered by the Applicants' Attorney upon further review of the

present application. This amendment is being submitted though the present preliminary amendment in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application as amended. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this preliminary amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

[21] 20. (Amended) The device of claim 16 wherein the core regions are filled with the core material using a deposition or re-flow technique.